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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Johal *et al.*
Appl. No.: 09/711,619
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For: SORGHUM DWARFING GENES AND METHODS OF USE

Confirmation No.: 7883
Group Art Unit: 1638
Examiner: Kruse, David H.

March 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 18, and 24 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7;
- (b) a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8;
- (c) a nucleotide sequence consisting of at least 19 contiguous nucleotides of the nucleotide sequence set forth in (b);
- (d) a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 9;
- (e) a nucleotide sequence encoding at least 70 contiguous amino acids of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 9;

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